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**William R. Sawyer**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1955  
Education: Valparaiso 1982 JD  
Began Service: May 24, 1999  
Term Expires: May 31, 2013

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, Huntington College

**Government:** United States Department of Justice, Tax Division (1986-1989); Office of the United States Attorney, Southern District of Alabama (1989-1999)

**Judicial:** Chief Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Alabama

**Legal Practice:** Clifford, Claudon, Alexa, Sawyer (1982-1986)

**Staff**

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**United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama**

Hugo L. Black U.S. Courthouse, 1729 Fifth Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203-2040  
Tel: (205) 278-1700  
Internet: www.alnd.uscourts.gov

**Number of Judgeships:** 8

**Areas Covered:** Counties of Bibb, Blount, Calhoun, Cherokee, Clay, Cleburne, Colbert, Cullman, DeKalb, Etowah, Fayette, Franklin, Greene, Jackson, Jefferson, Lamar, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Morgan, Pickens, Shelby, St. Clair, Sumter, Talladega, Tuscaloosa, Walker and Winston

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**Sharon Lovelace Blackburn**  
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1950  
Education: Alabama 1973 BA; Cumberland 1977 JD  
Began Service: July 8, 1991  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Robert Varner, United States District Court for the District of Alabama (1977-1978); Law Clerk to the Court Clerk, Alabama Supreme Court

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, Northern District of Alabama, United States Department of Justice (1979-1991)

**Chambers of Chief Judge Sharon Lovelace Blackburn** *continued*

**Current Memberships:** Birmingham Bar Association; Federal Judges Association

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**U. W. Clemon**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1943  
Education: Miles Col 1965 BA; Columbia 1968 JD  
Began Service: 1980  
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

**Government:** Chair, Committee on the Judiciary, Alabama State Senate (1974-1980)

**Judicial:** Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Adams & Clemon (1969-1980)

**Current Memberships:** Alabama Lawyers Association; Birmingham Bar Association; National Bar Association

**Staff**

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**Chambers of District Judge C. Lynwood Smith, Jr.**

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**C. Lynwood Smith, Jr.**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1943  
Education: Alabama 1966 BA; Rutgers 1967 MA; Alabama 1971 JD  
Began Service: January 4, 1996  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Academic:** Research Instructor of Political Science, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey (1968-1969); Lecturer in Political Science, University of Alabama - Tuscaloosa (1972-1976)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Frank McFadden, United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama (1971-1972)

**Judicial:** Judge, Alabama Circuit Court, 23rd Judicial Circuit (1981-1995); Presiding Judge, Alabama Circuit Court, 23rd Judicial Circuit (1995-1996)

**Legal Practice:** Bell, Richardson, Cleary, McLain & Tucker (1972-1975); Partner, Hornsby, Blankenship, Higgs, Smith & Robinson (1975-1981)

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**Inge P. Johnson**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1945  
Education: Alabama 1970 LLM, 1973 JD  
Began Service: October 23, 1998  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton



**Academic:** Adjunct Faculty, Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen (1970-1971)

**Judicial:** Municipal Judge, City of Muscle Shoals (1978-1979); Presiding Judge, Alabama Circuit Court, 31st Judicial Circuit (1979-1998)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Dragsted, Kromann, Norregaard & Friis (1970-1971); Partner, Johnson & Johnson (1973-1979)

**Current Memberships:** Alabama State Bar Association; Federal Judges Association; United States District Judges Association

**Staff**

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**Chambers of District Judge Karon O. Bowdre**

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**Karon O. Bowdre**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1955  
Education: Samford 1977 BA; Cumberland 1981 JD  
Began Service: November 8, 2001  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Academic:** Professor, Cumberland School of Law, Samford University (1990-2001)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable J. Foy Guin, Jr., United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama (1981-1982)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Rives & Peterson (1982-1986); Partner, Rives & Peterson (1987-1989); Of Counsel, Rives & Peterson (1989-1990)

**Staff**

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**Chambers of District Judge R. David Proctor**

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**R. David Proctor**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: December 5, 1960  
Education: Carson-Newman 1983 BA; Tennessee 1986 JD  
Began Service: September 24, 2003  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk H. Emory Widener, Jr., United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (1986-1987)

**Legal Practice:** Sirote & Permutt, P.C. (1987-1993); Proctor, Lehr Middlebrooks Price (1993-2003)

**Current Memberships:** Alabama State Bar Association; Birmingham Bar Association

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**Chambers of District Judge L. Scott Coogler**

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**L. Scott Coogler**  
District Judge

Education: Alabama 1981 BA, 1984 JD  
Began Service: June 3, 2003  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, School of Law, University of Alabama - Tuscaloosa (2000-2003)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, Judge Paul Conger, Alabama Sixth Judicial Circuit Court (1984)

**Judicial:** Judge, Alabama Sixth Judicial Circuit Court (1999-2003)

**Staff**

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**Virginia Emerson Hopkins**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1952  
Education: Alabama 1974 BA; Virginia 1977 JD  
Began Service: June 2004  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Private Practice (1977-2004)

**Staff**

Judicial Assistant **Abby C. Westbrook** ..... (205) 278-1950